For other ongoing projects, all efforts are being made to meet the Probable Date of Completion (PDC).

(c) & (d) Stringent review and monitoring mechanism has been put in place. For the new projects involvement of user and industry is ensured *ab-initio*. Shared stake holding is also being brought and discussed which will ensure accountability.

Discharge sought by Defence officers

31. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 Defence officers from Generals and Rear Admirals to Lieutenants have sought discharge from India's armed forces over the last five years creating severe manpower shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study as to why more and more officers are seeking discharge from the service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Number of Officers who sought discharge and number of officers who have been granted prematue retirement and resignation during the last five years in the Army, Navy and Air Force is given in the statement attached. The staternent indicates that there is no significant increase in the number of personnel whose requests for discharge have been aproved (*See* below). No study has been conducted by the Government.

Statement

The number of Defence officers who have sought discharge and were discharged from India's armed forces over the last five years is as under

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	Seeking discharge	Approved for discharge	Seeking discharge	Approved for discharge	Seeking discharge	Approved for discharge
2001	487	398	119	115	183	142
2002	131	73	81	81	220	164
2003	427	349	116	110	224	175
2004	435	290	119	115	246	244
2005	536	365	176	168	292	175

Manufacture and purchase of submarines

32. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to manufacture submarines indigenously;

(b) if so, the number of such submarines likely to be manufactured;

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to purchase Scorpene submarines;

(d) if so, the time by when such submarines are likely to be purchased, and

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) Mazagon Dock Limited, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking has been contracted to construct six Scorpene Class submarines for the Indian Navy under Transfer of Technology from M/s Armaris, France. The first of the submarines of Scorpene Class is scheduled to be delivered in 2012 and one each every year thereafter till 2017. The total cost of the project sanctioned by the Government is Rs. 18,798 crore.